Indo-China cooperation for global standards in IT

5273. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has sought India's cooperation for developing global standards in information technology;

(b) the details of the fields in which this cooperation has been sought by China; and

(c) the other details of the Information Technology Cooperation which exists between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During the course of Minister's visit to China in July, 2000 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for bilateral cooperation in the IT sector was signed between India and China.

Fire in telephone exchanges in A.P.

5274. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether PWG Naxals set on fire two telephone exchanges during the first week of February, 2002 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the estimate of loss suffered in this fire; and

(c) the action taken to nab the culprits and prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Three telephone exchanges in Guntur district were set on fire in first-week of February, 2002 in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Approx. Rs. 23 lakhs.

(c) FIRs were lodged with respective police stations. To prevent